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1. (SBU) After some delay in finding an appropriate site for the project, the 100 MW Kabul Power Plant project is underway. What follows is a short overview of the several project components and where they currently stand. Overall, the project is on schedule to deliver 67 MW of power to the Kabul grid by December 2008 and an additional 33 MW in April 2009. The project has been "fast tracked" by USAID and the total cost is approximately USD 205 million.

2. (SBU) PROCUREMENT OF THE 100 MW GENSETS - The generator sets (gensets) have been procured in three packages. Each package consists of six generator units. In all, three packages, 18 generator units, will be used to supply the full 100 MW to the Kabul power grid. The USD 109.7 million procurement contract for the manufacture of the generators was awarded to Caterpillar Power Generation Systems (CPGS) in August 2007. The contract includes 3 transformers and other associated equipment as well as engineering services and plant design. The first package of generators is

scheduled to arrive in Kabul in June 2008 followed by July and November 2008 deliveries of the other two sets. This portion of the project is currently on schedule.

13. (SBU) PROCUREMENT OF BALANCE OF PLANT - This portion of the project covers civil, mechanical and electrical works. Included in this portion of the project are installation of the gensets, a fuel treatment plant, fuel tanks, an administration building and other on-site structures. This tender document is about 85 percent complete and is expected to be awarded on February 14, 2008.

14. (SBU) PROCUREMENT OF 110 Kv INTERCONNECTION - In order to connect into the existing Kabul transmission system, a 110 Kv substation and associated switchgear must be constructed. The tender documents for this portion of the project are 95 percent complete and are scheduled to be awarded on January 24, 2008.

15. (SBU) PROCUREMENT OF LOGISTICS SERVICES - This portion of the project covers the shipping/delivery of the three genset packages and associated equipment, including three step-up transformers. This tender document is 95 percent complete and will be awarded January 10, 2008.

16. (SBU) PROCUREMENT OF AN OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT CONTRACT - This covers the hiring of a project Management Contractor to operate and maintain the power plant for a one-year period. The contractor is also obliged to train local staff on operation and maintenance to enable handover to Afghan authorities. USAID expects to begin working on this tender document in November 2007 and award the O and M contract in the September-October 2008 time frame.

17. (SBU) Other, more minor, tasks associated with the preparation of the project site are currently underway and on schedule. They include de-mining, a topographical survey, as well as leveling and

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fencing of the site. The project is proceeding apace and is expected to be completed on time.

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